GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RURAL DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA

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BUDGET FOR ACCELERATED RURAL WATER SUPPLY PROGRAMME
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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) Whether his Ministry has been preparing inflated budgets with regard to the Accelerated Rural Water Supply Programme (ARWSP) ;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) the details of the funds demanded for ARWSP during each of the last five years and spent during the same period;

(d) whether attention of the Government has been invited to the C&AG Report No. 3 of 2002 (Civil) on Page 126 in para 17; and

(e) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto?

Answer

MINISTER OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ANANTH KUMAR)

(a) to (e) A statement is laid on the table of the House.

Statement as referred to in reply to the Lok Sabha Starred Question No. 632 for 6.5.2003

(a) No, Sir.

(b) & (c): The budget for Accelerated Rural Water Supply Programme (ARWSP) is prepared taking into account the funds required for addressing the rural water supply sector needs like coverage of habitations, tackling of quality problems and ensuring sustainability of systems and sources in rural areas of the country. Details of the funds requested for, funds allocated, funds released and the expenditure reported under Accelerated Rural Water Supply Programme (ARWSP) during last 5 years is as under: -

(Rupees in Crores)

Year	Funds Requested by States/UTS Under ARWSP	Funds allocated by Government of India under ARWSP	Funds released under ARWSP	Expenditure reported by
1998-99	1627.00	1612.00	1610.64	1745.64
1999-00	3000.00	1800.00	1717.91	1633.24
2000-01	2952.00	1960.00	1896.55	1672.21
2001-02	6190.00	2010.00	1943.05	1752.75
2002-03	4100.00	2235.00	2100.70	1386.34

(d) & (e) : Yes sir. The report indicates that amount reported as spent by State Governments under ARWSP was inflated. The observations of the CAG are State specific and the concerned States have been advised to take remedial action thereon.